



## John A Brussman

October 19, 1934 - October 30, 2022

John passed away peacefully at his home in Reno, Nevada on October 30, 2022, with loving friends by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, his aunt and uncle who raised him, his sister and his two beautiful wives, Jaclyn nee Drui and Martha nee Anton. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family members, loving neighbors and friends who will dearly miss him.

John attended Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), graduating with a BS in Biological Science and minor in Earth Science. He joined the Sig Tau fraternity and his brothers and their wives made up a fun-loving and adventurous group who held annual reunions and traveled to Marco Island, Florida every winter. John loved his fraternity family and told countless stories about them that will live on in our memories. He also completed graduate work at Purdue University's Microbiological Institute.

After humble beginnings, he had a long and storied 32-year career at Anheuser-Busch beginning work there in 1957 as a Laboratory Tech in Brewery Research. Blessed with great bosses, he was promoted to Supervisor, Plant Manager, and Vice President of Operations for Malt, Barley, Hops and Rice until August Busch III appointed him as VP and General Manager of Anheuser-Busch's Agricultural Subsidiary Company, Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc. He held that position until his early retirement in

1989. He was forever grateful to those who mentored him during his career there.

While his work took him to Europe, Japan and China, his passion for 45 years was rendezvousing as an 1840's Mountain Man in every major mountain range west of the Mississippi. During those camping trips, he sharpened his knife and tomahawk throwing skills along with shooting his 58 caliber rifle.

After retirement, he and Martha moved to Northern Idaho to enjoy the beautiful country on the Canadian border to ski, hunt and fish. They later moved to Sandpoint and during their time in Idaho met many people who became lifelong friends. After getting their fill of snow, the two of them moved to Reno where they could enjoy many days of sunshine. In Reno, John and Martha were blessed with another set of great friends and neighbors. The family gratefully acknowledges the love, support, friendship and assistance they gave him over the years.

Many of you know that John never met a stranger and always had a story to tell. You are probably thinking of one (or more!) of those stories right now. He would want you to laugh and raise a glass in his memory. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

The family is planning a memorial service for a future date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John A Brussman*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *John A Brussman*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *When John and Jackie lived in Manitowoc my family was fortunate to be their friends. My son remembers when John took him and his brother for a ride in his sports car. One of the many fond memories of John. Nancy Mirsberger Leifer.*

**Nancy Mirsberger Leifer** - November 26, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ *I worked with John at AB & always loved his warm smile & great personality. We in the Brewing Materials Control Department enjoyed John Brussman stories long after his retirement!*

**Patricia Kapeller** - November 15, 2022 at 08:05 PM

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“ When I visited my Aunt Jackie and my Uncle John in 1977 at their home in Manitowoc Wisconsin John knew about my love for guns so he took me out shooting. As you know he had quite the collection. We were trying out dozens of his different pistols and rifles at the firing range when he handed me this huge rifle that looked like it might be something you'd use to hunt elephants. He told me to press it firmly against my shoulder when I pulled the trigger because this gun had quite a kick. When I finally fired it it felt like somebody hit me in the shoulder with a baseball bat and Uncle John laughed so hard, I thought he was gonna cry! Quite the jokester! I'll miss him dearly.

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**Dave Drui** - November 12, 2022 at 03:55 PM